

## ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Rachel d'Entremont

As many of you know, my #1 mechanic and #1 son, Brian, lives in Switzerland and comes to Aiken for Christmas where he and my 1928 Roadster spend a lot of time together, either with Brian behind the wheel or under the car.

This past Christmas was no exception and Brian did a lot of tweaking and adjusting. On January 5th Anna and I reluctantly took him to the airport in Columbia and said our goodbyes. Five hours later we found out that after multiple cancelled flights and unsatisfactory rescheduling, he was still in Columbia and heading for a local motel with a flight scheduled for Monday afternoon. Around 3 pm Monday, I got another call asking for me to pick him up as, again, his flight was cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday afternoon. By the way, this is very similar to the experience both of my children had in July trying to get out of Syracuse on United Airlines... delays and cancellations resulting in multi-day trips with overnight stays.

I made the 2-hour round trip to Columbia and as soon as we got home, Brian was back in his "garage clothes" and under the car.

We began with adjusting the brakes. I say "we" because I had the job of sitting in the driver's seat of the car which was sitting on jack stands. With a block of wood that had been notched to correspond with the brake adjustment positions, my job was to wedge the block between the brake pedal and seat when Brian called out the positions. At each position he spun the wheel he was adjusting. He'd make an adjustment and we'd go through the procedure again. This was done many times for each wheel. As long as the job took with two of us, I can imagine it must be an all-day job for a person working alone. We test drove the car at 10:30 pm in 37-degree weather with the top down. It was a very cold trip but the brakes

worked well.

Next, Brian checked the toe-in. Not having access to Larry Komp's nifty device for this test, we resorted to making marks on the tires and measuring the distance between the marks and then rotating the tires half a turn and measuring again. This is another job best accomplished with a helper. The toe-in was way out of specifications and after several attempts is now exactly where it should be.

A check of the headlights revealed that one of the low-beams was burned out and in replacing the bulb, Brian discovered that one of the retainer clips, intended to hold the glass lens into the frame, was broken.

On Tuesday afternoon, I made my third trip to the Columbia airport, this time waiting until the plane had left the gate before leaving the airport.

I drove a mile or so from the airport to Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts Store where I bought a new retainer clip and spare headlight bulbs and then returned to Aiken.

We're not happy with United. Thanks to United Airlines, Brian's trip which should have taken about 18 hours door to door actually took over 60 hours (beating his 44-hour record of July). On the bright side, I have properly functioning brakes, headlights, and properly aligned wheels. Plus, I didn't go more than a few feet out of my way to get to Smith and Jones!

## ABOUT THE SHADE TREE A'S

<http://www.shadetreeas.org>

The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues (\$65) include membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$40) and a subscription to *The Restorer Magazine*. Members are also urged to join the Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC, \$38) which includes a subscription to *Model "A" News*. The club also is a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.

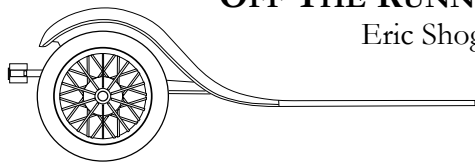
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## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Eric Shogren, President



### BENEATH THE WHEEL

*(With apologies to Hermann Hess)*

It was great to have our first meeting of 2015 and get to enjoy a beautiful day too! I'm really excited about all the events we have coming and hope to see you and your A's at many of them. If you haven't tried an overnight tour you really should. It's the best way to build confidence in your car and your abilities. Besides it's like traveling with a NASCAR pit crew. True, none of us move that fast anymore, but we've got more know-how, not mention a whole host of Model A's parts stuffed under the seat. And we've never left a car, or a driver behind. . . HONESTLY! Like I always say, there is nothing like going around a curve on a country road and seeing a line of Model A's in front of you.

One of the things we discussed at the meeting was recruiting. I think we've done an excellent job over the last few years of getting new people interested in the hobby and encourages those who already have the interest to join our merry band of Model A enthusiasts. I truly want to see this hobby continue to be rich and vibrant for many, many more years and the best way to ensure that kind of longevity is recruiting. So those of you who choose not to go to the Social Security Run in May, I would like to encourage you to go the Boshears Fly In on May 16th. You and a friend get in for free (an \$18 or \$20 value) and we will be using the occasion to work with a local publication to do an article about the Shade Tree A's. Pictures of shiny Model A's in a local publication is one of the best recruiting tools around!

The other topic was the meeting schedule. We had a lot of good discussions. I will try to summarize those discussions, but I apologize up front if I don't accurately express all the thoughts provided by members or miss some:

- Because Saturday meetings are held in the morning it is easier to drive your Model A to the meeting (e.g., less traffic and DAYLIGHT!)
- For those still stuck in the work-a-day world, Saturday is the only day to run errands and

take care of things around the house

- Many people have busy schedules during the week and it's easier to carve some time out on Saturdays

- Going to Saturday meeting can chew up the whole day and it's easier to carve out a little time on a week night.

As I said there were a lot of good discussions. Based on those discussions we will have one more opportunity for discussion of the topic by the membership at the February meeting. Following the February meeting I will be mailing out a ballot to the entire membership, so those that are unable to attend on Saturdays have an opportunity to weigh in. The ballot will present three options

- Maintain the current split schedule (Oct – Mar – Saturday mornings, April – Sept – Monday nights)
- All week nights
- All Saturday mornings

I look forward to discussing this more and if you want, please give me a call or shoot me an email.

In closing I would like to encourage everyone to take a look at the calendar of event and pick an event you haven't done before and just say "I'll be there!" If you have any questions, again, please give me a call or drop me a note. If I don't know the answer, I'll find out who does.

So see you all at the next meeting on Saturday, February 14th. I would also like to invite you to meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Rd, next to Kmart at 8:00 am on February 14th. And as I like to say "A day broke down on the side of the road in your Model A is better than the best day at work!"

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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan

*Steven Brown*

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## MEETING MINUTES

*January 10, 2015*

President Eric Shogren called the meeting to order at 10 AM by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and by stating some of his goals for the upcoming year. There were 26 members in attendance. There were no visitors or new members in attendance.

The December 2014 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's Report which included expenditures for the Christmas Party and for the Monroe Wade Award plaque.

Jim McPherson gave the National Director's report and stated that he had submitted information for both MARC (Model A Restorer's Club) and MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America).

Rachel d'Entremont, our Newsletter editor, welcomed articles and photos for the Newsletter. Rachel would like this information a week before the end of the month. Eric suggested that members take pictures of their works in progress and send them to Rachel along with a brief explanation of the projects for inclusion in upcoming Newsletters.

George Gordon brought a "flasher", directional-signal kit, for Show & Tell. The flasher, a Truck Lite, sells for \$67.00 at Truck Parts Specialists, Molly Pond Rd, Augusta. George said everything you need comes in the kit except a fuse. George also provided some technical information concerning installation.

Under Old Business, Eric presented the Monroe Wade Award to Larry Komp. Larry's contributions to the Shade Tree A's, restoration and participation in all things "A" as well as his willingness to assist others in their Model A projects were highlighted. Congratulations, Larry, for your devotion to the "A's".

Christmas parade participation was also discussed. Members drove in the Gibson, Edgefield, Graniteville, and Aiken Christmas parades. From all accounts, the annual Christmas Party was a success. Shelia McPherson was thanked for spearheading the gift bags. The most sought after gifts were the lottery tickets and the \$10.00 bill!

Under New Business, Eric listed and described upcoming events which might be of interest to members: St Patrick's Day Parade 3/17; Darlington 4/17-19; Fiddlers & Fiddle Heads Festival, Unicoi, TN 4/24-25; SSN and Medicare Run 5/14-17; Boshears 5/16; Trenton Peach Festival 6/20; and the Gilbert Peach Festival 7/4. Other events discussed were Swap Meets in Moultrie and Charlotte. Eric purposed a Saturday Fuel Economy Run. Also purposed were tours of members' garages. The idea here is to get those A's on the road, meet new people and get ideas about setting up/organizing your garage!

The meeting schedule for 2015 was also discussed. Under consideration (1) all evening meetings; (2) split schedule meetings; (3) all Saturday meetings; and (4) two meetings per month, one of which would be a technical session with time to work on cars, lessons on driving, etc. Your thoughts/suggestions are welcomed. This will be further discussed during February's meeting. A decision, on our meeting schedule, will be made by mailed ballot voting.

Greg Jones, Vice President, presented a technical program on the topic of straightening wheels and spokes. Greg provided handouts and internet sites for further research concerning this process.

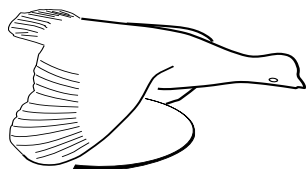
The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were devoured.

Kathy Poole  
Secretary

## RIVERS BRIDGE STATE PARK

*May 23*

The Lowcountry A's have invited the STA's, the Aiken Model A's, and Palmetto A's for a day trip to Rivers Bridge State Park in Ehrhardt, SC on Saturday, May 23. It is approximately equidistant from Columbia, Augusta, and Charleston. They really would love to have a good crowd join in from these clubs. Plans now are for the Lowcountry A's to reserve the big shelter and for everybody to bring their own picnics. More details will follow.



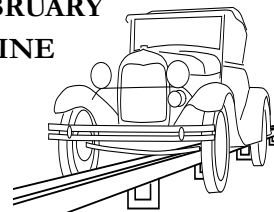
## LOOKING AHEAD

### CLUB EVENTS

- Feb 6 & 7—Moultrie Swap Meet
- Feb 14— Regular monthly meeting & lunch
- Feb. 21— Coffee & Cars, Aiken
- Feb. 28—Coffee & Cars, Aiken
- Mar 17 —St. Patrick's Day Parade- noon
- Apr. 9-12 —Charlotte Swap Meet
- April 17-19 -Darlington Raceway Tour
- Apr. 24 & 25 Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Festival
- May 14-17 Social Security Run
- May 16— Boshear Fly-in
- May 23— River Bridge Park Tour
- June 20— Trenton Peach Festival
- July 4—Gilbert Parade

### FROM THE FEBRUARY ASSEMBLY LINE

- 3- Mary Morse
- 11 - Larry DuVall
- 11 - Ralph Neitzke
- 17 - George Gordon
- 24 - Craig McMullin
- 27 - Art Towe
- 27- Stuart Smith
- 28 - Rachel d'Entremont



### NUTS & BOLTS

- ♦ On cold winter nights if you wipe your windshield with vinegar, the next morning you won't have to scrape...the vinegar helps keep the frost off.
- ♦ Battery Cleaner: To remove built-up acid, sprinkle baking soda onto battery terminals. Spritz with water to dampen. Let set for about one hour. Sponge off with water. Air dry.

### REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

**February:** The Gordon Family

**March:** Neitzke, Morse, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**April:** Numar, H. Jones, Dunevent's, R. Jones

**May:** Melchior, Dinkins, Wilson, Prince

**June:** Poole, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

### NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ♦ Anne Neely-Beck has still not recovered from injuries from a 2013 accident.

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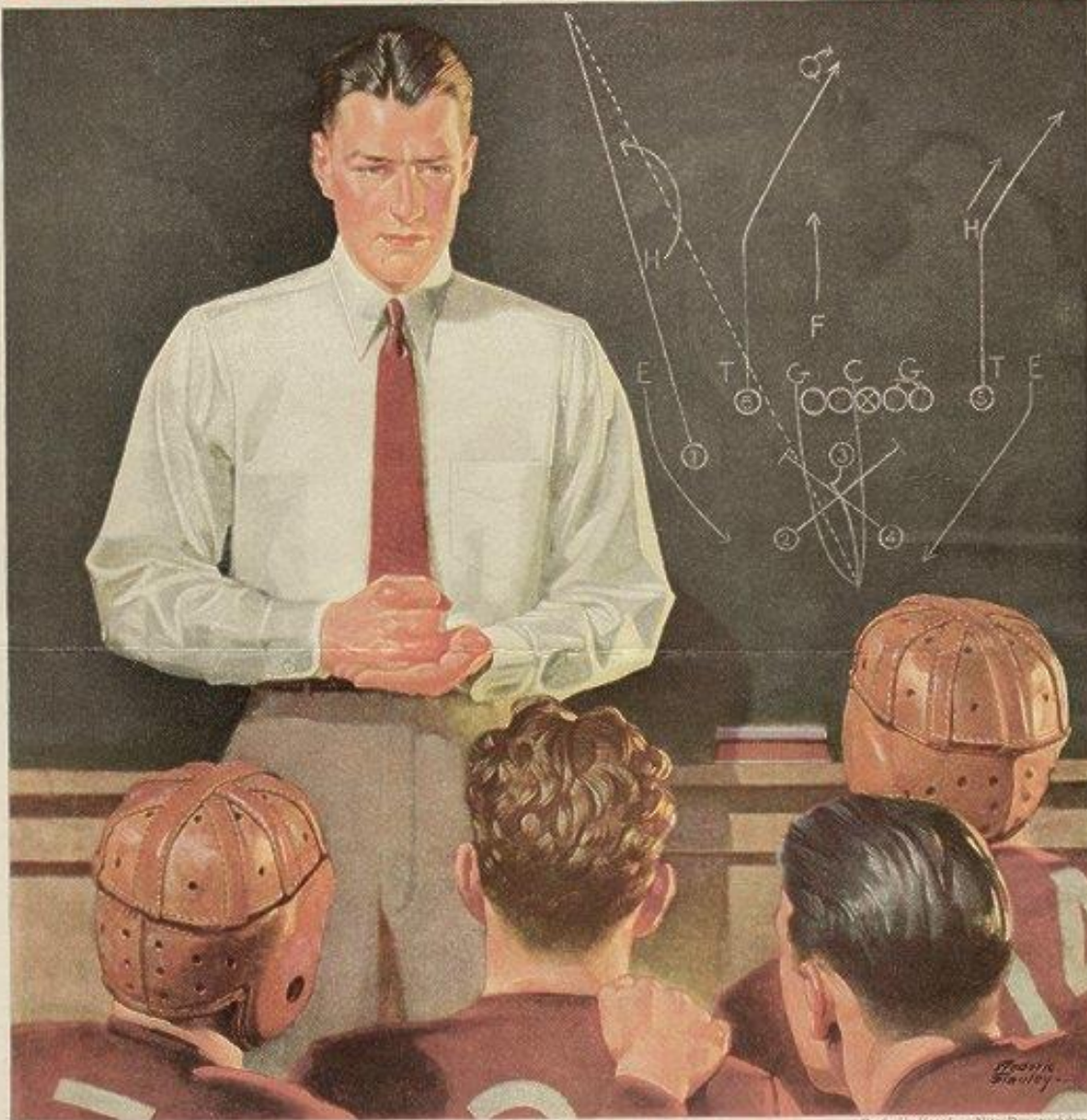
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### NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST

Around thirty Shade Tree A members and friends began the new year with breakfast at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Augusta. Several arrived in their Model A's which received admiring glances from other patrons.

Other photos are available on the Shade Tree A's website.

### VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT FROM THE GORDONS

Because the February meeting falls on Valentine's Day, the Gordon family wants to do something special for the refreshments that day.

They will be providing a light lunch of chili, sandwiches, chips and dip, and something sweet to go along with it.

So go light on the breakfast and save room for a tasty lunch.







**MARCH 6-7, 2015**

### TALLADEGA SPEEDWAY TOUR

*March 6 & 7, Talladega Alabama*

The STA's have received an invitation from the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club to attend the March 6-7, 2015 Talladega Speedway tour with fellow club members from around the Southeast. Registration and payment are due by February 20 and in order to receive the group discounted rate of \$60.00 plus tax, reservations at the Quality Inn must be made no later than February 7, 2015

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### 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

An open discussion by the STA members will be held at the meeting on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the meeting schedule for 2015 and will be followed by vote of the membership; ballots will be mailed out after the February meeting. This multi-step process is intended to ensure as many of the members as possible have an opportunity to participate in this decision.

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH

A group of STA members meet at Ci Ci's Pizza, 4020 Washington Rd. for lunch each Wednesday. The restaurant is actually between Washington Rd and Columbia Rd, in front of the Gerald Jones Autoplex. Join 10-12 of your fellow STA'ers at 11:30 for lunch.

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*January 10*

About 25 members attended the first meeting of 2015. During Eric Shogren's first meeting of his current term as president (he served as president years ago), he had the honor of presenting Larry Komp with the Monroe Wade Award. The award was announced at the December meeting but Larry was unable to attend.

The two main items of discussion were the 2015 meeting schedule and upcoming Model A events.

Pros and cons were discussed for both the Monday evening and the Saturday morning meeting times. Eric said that the split schedule had been tried for a year and that in order to get the opinions of as many people as possible, the discussion would continue at the February meeting after which a ballot would be sent to each family so that all could weigh in on the decision.

A good portion of the meeting was spent describing Model A related events by other clubs and some ideas for events to be sponsored by the Shade Tree A's.

As details become available, they will be included in future newsletters.

Greg Jones gave a technical presentation on do-it-yourself wheel straightening which included a detailed handout.



*Eric Shogren (l) presents the Monroe Wade Award to Larry Komp.*



*Greg Jones gives the technical presentation.*

## ADVICE

## MODEL A Q&amp;A's

Bentley C. Bohanan

We sure had some pretty days in January, and it really makes me want to ride in a Model A Ford. But there's still some months of cold weather ahead, so there's plenty of time to get that classic car ready for spring. Here are some interesting questions we've had in the shop over the last few weeks.

**Q: The other evening I drove my 1929 Ford. I didn't realize when I got home that I left my parking lights on. The next morning my battery was flat dead. I charged it up, but now it keeps blowing the fuse. It never blew the fuse before, what went wrong?**

A: Believe it or not, you may have accidentally charged the battery backwards. In other words, the polarity of the battery is now reversed. The Model A uses a positive ground electrical system. If you charge the battery with the black lead of the battery charger going to ground, then the battery will take a charge in reverse. You can check this with a voltmeter. If that is the problem you will need to leave the lights on and run the battery dead again, then charge it correctly. Let me know if this solves your problem.

**Q: I have a 1930 Tudor. The paint and interior looks nice, but the top is looking ratty, and leaks when I drive it in the rain. How much trouble is it to replace the top material?**

A: This is a great project if you are handy and a DIY kind of person. You can get a complete kit from Mike's "A" Fordable Parts to do the job. Instructions are included. One thing I must caution you on is if your top has already been leaking, then chances are the wood underneath will be rotten. You can check this with a sharp instrument like an ice pick. The wood should be solid and stable enough to hold nails. Changing out the wood is a bigger project than the top, but many times you will have to do both.

**Q: My 1931 Coupe has been in our family since the 1950s. It underwent a full restoration**

**back in the 80s, and we have really enjoyed it since. Often, though, when I drive it water from the radiator sprays out on the hood and windshield. Could this be an overheating problem?**

A: Often this is not so much overheating as it is just a faulty seal under the radiator cap. If you have a Quail or Moto meter, check the rubber seal between the cap and the radiator neck. You can even use some silicon sealer in this area, if needed.

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## Dear Miss Crank,

Whenever we're out in our Model A Ford, we find people pointing and staring at us. My Mama always told me that it's not polite to point and stare. How should we react to this rude behavior? Knows Better

*Dear Knows Better,*

*It's not polite to point or stare at people. Most likely the pointing and staring was aimed at your car, not its occupants. As much as some "A" owners think of their cars as family, they are NOT people. And be honest now, isn't that why you got a classy car in the first place?*

*Be thankful that while they're pointing and staring, they're not texting! You're making the road a little safer by distracting those people and keeping their eyes on the road rather than on their cell phones and ipads.*

Send your Model A questions to: Miss Crank at [newsletter@shadetreeas.org](mailto:newsletter@shadetreeas.org)

## FASHION IDEAS

Rachel d'Entremont

A trip to the Goodwill store, consignment shop, or an estate sale will often result in a credible Model-A-era-looking outfit that, while maybe not judging quality, will get you into the right spirit. These are all examples from 1928-31 catalogs that are similar to blouses and tops available, with a little searching and creativity, today.



## VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

Anne is still suffering the effects of a June 2013 auto accident and is taking a break from her contributions to the newsletter until she is feeling better.



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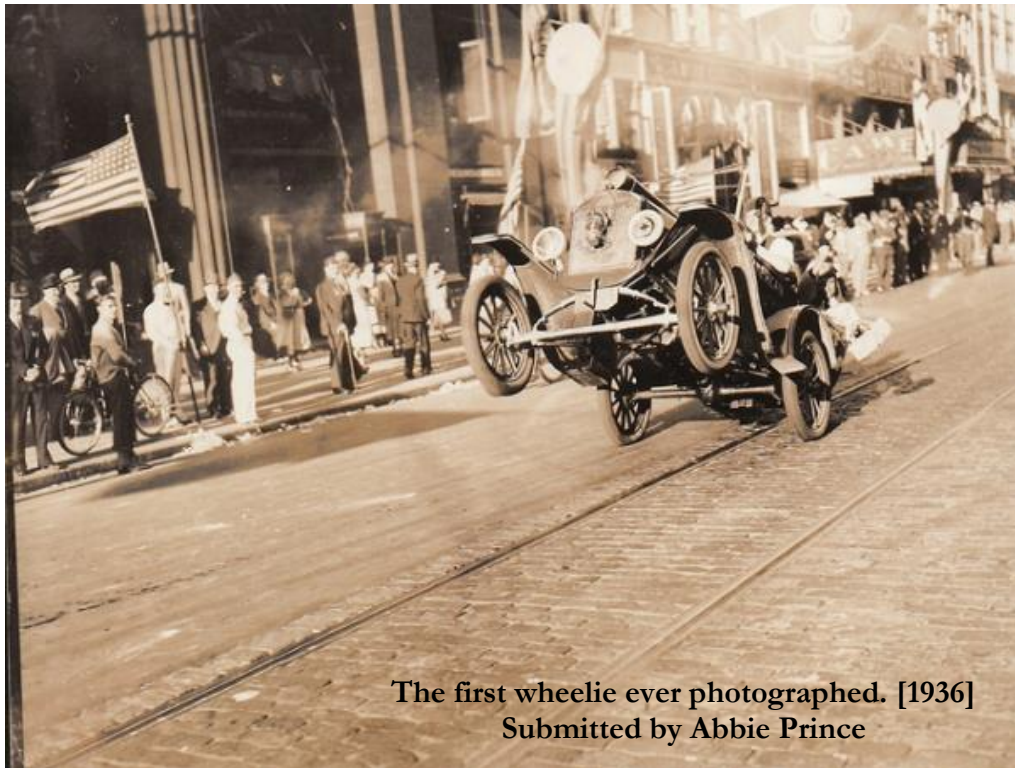
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